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COMMENDING THE HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

NOVEMBER 14, 1983.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. MCCLURE, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S.J. Res. 173]

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to which was referred the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 173) commending the Historic American Buildings Survey, a program of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon with out amendment and recommends that the joint resolution do pass.

PURPOSE

The purpose of Senate Joint Resolution 173, as ordered reported, is to commend the work of the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

BACKGROUND AND NEED

The Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) was established in 1933 to survey and document the historically and architecturally significant buildings and structures of the United States. Conceived originally by historic architects in the National Park Service, HABS provided meaningful and constructive employment to countless architects, draftsmen, photographers, and other skilled individuals who were victims of the Great Depression. Today, HABS continues to pursue its objective of "preservation through documentation."

This objective is being met through collective efforts of several entities. The National Park Service organizes the surveys, which include measured drawings, interior and exterior photographs, and written material on historically and architecturally significant buildings and structures; the American Institute of Architects provides assistance and counsel; and the Library of Congress houses the records. To date,

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approximately 16,000 surveys have been recorded. Most recently, HABS efforts were invaluable in the authentic reconstruction of F.D.R.'s birthplace, Hyde Park, which was severely damaged by fire last year.

Enactment of this resolution will be a fitting tribute to the program as the 50th anniversary of its establishment is observed on November 13, 1983.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Senate Joint Resolution 173 was introduced on September 28, 1983. No hearings have been held on Senate Joint Resolution 173. In open business session on November 9, 1983, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources ordered Senate Joint Resolution 173 reported favorably without amendment.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AND TABULATION OF VOTE

The Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources in an open business session on November 9, 1983, by a unanimous vote of a quorum present recommends the Senate pass Senate Joint Resolution 173 without amendment as described herein.

The rollcall vote on reporting the measure was 18 yeas, 0 nays as follows:

YEAS	NAYS
Mr. McClure	
Mr. Hatfield [1]	
Mr. Weicker	
Mr. Domenici	
Mr. Wallop	
Mr. Warner	
Mr. Murkowski [1]	
Mr. Nickles	
Mr. Hecht	
Mr. Chafee	
Mr. Heinz	
Mr. Johnston	
Mr. Bumpers	
Mr. Ford	
Mr. Matsunaga [1]	
Mr. Melcher [1]	
Mr. Tsongas	
Mr. Bradley	

[1] Indicates voted by proxy.

COST AND BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS

The committee has been advised that this measure will have no budgetary impact. An analysis by CBO has not been received as of this time. When such report is received, it will be inserted in the Record for the information of the Senate.

REGULATORY IMPACT EVALUATION

In compliance with paragraph 11(b) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the committee makes the following evaluation of the regulatory impact which would be incurred in carrying out Senate Joint Resolution 173 as reported. Senate Joint Resolution 173 would commend the work of the Historic American Buildings Survey on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

The resolution is not a regulatory measure in the sense of imposing Government established standards or significant economic responsibilities on private individuals and businesses.

No personal information would be collected. Therefore, there would be no impact on personal privacy.

Little, if any, additional paperwork would result from the enactment of Senate Joint Resolution 173.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

On November 3, 1983, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources requested legislative reports from the Department of the Interior and the Office of Management and Budget setting forth executive views on Senate Joint Resolution 173. These reports had not been received at the time the report on Senate Joint Resolution 173 was filed. When the reports become available, the chairman will request that they be printed in the Congressional Record for the advice of the Senate.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with paragraph 12 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rule of the Senate, the committee notes that no changes in existing law are made by the resolution, Senate Joint Resolution 173, as ordered reported.

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